

**NATIONAL FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE BOARD**

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

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28 May 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

VIA: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: Walter Elder  
Executive Secretary


SUBJECT: Control of DCI Directive Series as Classified  
Information

1. Action Requested: That you approve the issuance of a two-volume series of DCI Directives as controlled documents at the SECRET level by signing the attached memorandum to holders of the DCI Directive series.

2. Background: Executive Order 12356 requires a SECRET classification for information, the disclosure of which reasonably could be expected to cause serious damage to the national security. Taken collectively, the DCI Directives reveal an enormous amount of information about the targets and objectives of the Intelligence Community and about the ways and means we use to try to achieve our objectives.

Once the revision of the DCI Directives series is completed, we plan to issue a two-volume series, one of general charters and a second one of detailed implementing procedures. The information contained in these volumes meets the criteria for SECRET as set forth in Executive Order 12356.

Taken individually, a few of the directives do not meet the standard for SECRET classification. In order to permit the handling of specified directives at a CONFIDENTIAL or unclassified level, those who can justify the need for such handling are invited to present their request for the DCI's consideration.

  
WALTER ELDER

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Attachment  
As Stated

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MEMORANDUM TO HOLDERS OF DCI DIRECTIVE SERIES

SUBJECT: Control and Classification of DCI Directive Series

1. Pursuant to the provisions of Executive Order 12356, all Director of Central Intelligence Directives will be controlled as SECRET, unless otherwise specified.

2. Requests for exceptions to this stipulation should be forwarded to the Executive Secretary, NFIB/NFIC, for consideration by the Director of Central Intelligence.

William J. Casey  
Chairman

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Walt -

If you think it's the  
right thing to do, send  
it forward, but give  
me a chance to put a  
note on top recommending  
against approval.

John

John:

I remain convinced of the rectitude of the proposal, and it is re-submitted for your comments.

We are not going to classify anything which should not be classified, and it is the responsibility of the Executive Branch to protect the goldmine of information as best we can.

May I hear from you at your early convenience?

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P.S. D/OCC; Chairman, SECDEF;  
and Chief, CCIS agree with my position.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence  
VIA: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence  
FROM: Walter Elder  
Executive Secretary  
SUBJECT: Control and Classification of DCI Directive Series

1. Action Requested: That you approve classification of the DCI Directive series as a means of controlling access to these documents by signing the attached memorandum to the holders of the DCI Directive series.

2. Background: Taken collectively, the DCI directives contain an enormous amount of information about the targets and objectives of the Intelligence Community and the ways and means we use to achieve our objectives. Executive Order 12356 requires a SECRET classification for information the disclosure of which reasonably could be expected to cause serious damage to the national security. The DCI directives series meets this criterion.

Taken individually, some of the DCI directives do not meet the standard for SECRET classification. Since the DCI directives will be published together in a two-volume series, handling of the collective information should be at the SECRET level. There may be valid reasons for handling some individual directives, particularly the procedural annexes, at a CONFIDENTIAL or unclassified level. Those who can justify this need can apply for appropriate relief.

3. Recommendation That you weigh the equities and approve the control through classification of the DCI directives.

Walter Elder

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

DISAPPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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